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WRITTEN ASSERTION TO ESTABLISH SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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Applicant herewith asserts that it is entitled to claim small entity status in the above-identified patent application. The assignee of record in this application (Thine Electronics, Inc.) meets the size requirements set forth in 13 CFR §121 as a small business concern. The assignee, furthermore, has not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or

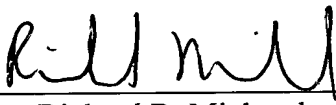
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license, any rights in the invention to any person, concern, or organization which would not qualify for small entity status as a person, small business concern, or nonprofit organization as defined in the relevant sections of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations.

If the Examiner or reviewing Attorney believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of any issues arising from Applicant's assertion to claim small entity in this case, the Examiner or reviewing Attorney is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Applicant believes that no fees are due with the submission of this submission. If any charges are incurred with respect to this submission, they may be charged to Deposit Account No. 503342 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

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